

Municipal Police Training Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Western Mass Police

Academy

May 17, 2017

Call to Order

At 9:00 AM, Chairman Jim Hicks called the monthly meeting of the Municipal Police Training Committee to order and greeted all present.

Attendees: Voting Members

Chairman Jim Hicks – Northeast Mass; Chief Scott Livingstone – Western Mass; Captain Matthew Roy – MSP; Sergeant Daniel Spas– MBTA; Jim O’Brien- AGO; Jennifer Queally- U/S EOPSS.

Attendees: Advisory

Heather Brouillette - MTC.

MPTC Staff

Dori Ference, Marylou Powers, Joe Witkowski, Dan Zivkovich and Sheila Gallagher.

Guests

Chief Richard Bailey, Norman Charest, Harry Kastrinakis, Jerry O’Rourke, Shannon Sullivan.

Review/Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice.

Police Standards and Training

The following requests were presented and approved by the Committee:

Temporary Waivers:

Jose Cabrera	Hadley, PD
Charles Laperle	Barre, PD
Joshua Spitaleri	Beverly, PD

A motion was made to approve the three (3) temporary waivers as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice. There were no abstentions.

Permanent Exemptions:

Richard Bailey	Townsend, PD
Jeffrey Bukunt	Avon, PD
David Cerreto	UMass, PD
Christopher Maguire	West Newbury, PD

There were four (4) requests for permanent exemptions. The Committee first addressed Chief Bailey's request for a permanent exemption since he was present at the meeting. Chief Bailey had no break in service. He worked thirty six (36) hours a week in Hollis, NH after retiring. After reviewing the request, the Police Standards and Training subcommittee recommended granting the permanent exemption for Chief Bailey. Additionally, the subcommittee recommended granting permanent exemptions for Jeffrey Bukunt and David Cerreto. A motion was made to grant three (3) permanent exemptions for Chief Bailey, Jeffrey Bukunt and David Cerreto. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice. There was no further discussion.

The Committee next discussed the permanent exemption request for Christopher Maguire. Previously, at the request of Chief Reed of the West Newbury Police Department, the Committee had granted a temporary waiver for Christopher Maguire. During that period of time, Maguire began working for the West Newbury Police department, which enabled him to gain six (6) months of law enforcement experience. Maguire is a reserve officer in Massachusetts, a graduate of a 500 hour police academy and has three and half years of police experience. After the Committee granted the temporary waiver, Maguire had nine (9) months to graduate from a full-time police academy in Massachusetts. Maguire has not graduate from a full-time police academy in Massachusetts at this time and his temporary waiver will expire in October 2017.

U/S Queally asked if the Committee granted the permanent exemption whether this would open the door for other candidates to receive a temporary waiver, gain six months experience and ask the Committee for reconsideration.

Chief O'Donnell asked what has changed since his last request for a permanent exemption. There was some further discussion. Chief Hicks noted that the West Newbury police chief submitted a letter on Maguire's behalf. Since receiving the temporary waiver, Maguire has been able to work full-time and gain additional work experience. Maguire is asking the Committee to reconsider the permanent exemption request due to this additional work experience.

ED Zivkovich pointed out while Maguire's hours have increased the topics he received in the Massachusetts reserve academy overlap with the training he received in the NH police academy. The hours for the two training programs should not be added together when determining if Maguire's basic training was equivalent the training a full-time police recruit in Massachusetts receives. There was further discussion about what being a part-time officer in Massachusetts means. However, the Committee agreed that nothing has changed with regard to the Maguire's experience or qualifications.

A motion was made to deny the request for a permanent exemption for Maguire. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice.

At this time there were no requests for disciplinary hearings.

Open Discussion:

ED Zivkovich commended Marshfield police Chief Tavares for saving the lives of two people whose boat was sinking in Plymouth. ED Zivkovich also credited Chief Tavares for his response related to questions he received about the suspect involved in shooting a Braintree police officer at the Motel 6. Apparently Chief Tavares was asked why he did not reveal that the suspect had prior juvenile arrests in Marshfield, while he was investigating a hate crime against the suspect. Chief Tavares explained that a suspect's prior arrests have no impact on whether the suspect was a victim of a hate crime. As Chief Tavares pointed out, a person can be a suspect one day and a victim the next, and the two are separate, distinct investigations.

Recruit Officer Training Updates

Boston: 70 student officers and are graduating on June 21, 2017.

Boylston: No academy dates scheduled at this time.

Fitchburg State: presently 99 students are enrolled in the 5 year program with a large enrollment expected for the incoming freshman class.

Lowell: Begins a new class May 22, 2017, and is full with 60 student officers.

NECC: 46 student officers will graduate on July 14, 2017.

Plymouth: 48 student officers will start on June 5, 2017.

Randolph: 45 student officers remain and graduation is expected on August 18, 2017.

Reading: Forty-three students will graduate on August 15, 2017.

Springfield: A class of approximately 55 Springfield officers will start on June 12, 2017, and graduation is expected on November 30, 2017.

SPMA: 42 student officers remain. Graduation is scheduled for June 23, 2017.

Transit: 46 student officers remain in week 8, and graduation is expected September 27, 2017. The next academy will begin on October 16, 2017, and there are 52 seats available.

WMASS: The next class of 51 student officers is scheduled to begin on June 19, 2017, and graduation is expected on December 15, 2017.

Worcester: 41 student officers remain after beginning with a class of 44 on April 24, 2017. Two students voluntarily resigned and the third student was injured within the academy.

Executive Director Report:

Update on Recruit Curriculum Project

ED Zivkovich announced that the pilot program for the Recruit Curriculum project will not be ready for October and may be rolled out in January 2018. The current civil service list is expiring.

Instructor Certification

ED Zivkovich relayed that there are 800 certified MPTC instructors with various, educational backgrounds. The breakdown of the pool of applicants is listed below.

- 120 Associate's Degree
- 250 Bachelor's Degrees
- 190 Masters' Degree
- 17 Juris Doctorates
- 12 PhDs
- 1 Judge

Chief Hicks added that there is a working group examining the educational requirements to become a police officer in Massachusetts.

Old Business

Funding

The House and Senate have released their budgets which are essentially the same. However the House budget contains an earmark for the Boylston Academy. The Senate earmarked money for a grant program. The fee for each recruit was raised to \$3,200 in the Senate budget, but remained at \$3,000 in the House budget. The budget has not been finalized but it is estimated that it will be around \$4.78 million.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **June 21, 2017 9:30 AM** at the Randolph Police Academy.

Adjournment

The motion was made, seconded and passed by unanimous voice at 9:49 AM to adjourn.

